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1. RESERVATIONS MADE FOR JOSE LUIS ALVAREZ ALVAREZ AND WIFE, MERCEDES ROYO-VILLANOVA (TRAVELING AT OWN EXPENSE) TO DEPART FOR THE U.S. SEPTEMBER 12 ON TWO 903, ARRIVING NEW YORK KENNEDY AIRPORT 1515; PROCEEDING BY NATIONAL 403 AT 1740, ARRIVING WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT 1838. CLEARANCE BEING PROCESSED. VPS APPOINTMENT SEPTEMBER 13. PROGRAM SHOULD BE FOR THREE WEEKS.

2. BIO-DATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: JOSE LUIS ALVAREZ ALVAREZ

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: MADRID, APRIL 5, 1930

CITIZENSHIP: SPANISH

MAILING ADDRESS: JOSE ORTEGA Y GASSET #34, MADRID.

ACADEMIC TRAINING: DOCTORATE OF LAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MADRID

PRESENT POSITION: LAWYER AND NOTARY. ALVAREZ IS ONE OF THE BEHIND-THE-SCENE ORGANIZERS OF THE "PARTIDO POPULAR" WHICH AIMS TO PULL TOGETHER CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS OF DIFFERENT HUES AS WELL AS OTHER POLITICAL FORCES IN THE CENTER OR CENTER-LEFT, E.G. SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

A FORMER PRESIDENT OF FEDISA (POLITICAL STUDY ORGANIZATIONS), HE IS A FRIEND OF MANY CENTRIST POLITICIANS: AREILZA, OREJA, FRAGA, ALVAREZ-MIRANDA, AND CABANILLAS.

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IN THE UNFOLDING POLITICAL SITUATION IN PRESENT-DAY

SPAIN, ALVAREZ IS LIKELY TO BE NEAR THE CENTER OF ACTIVITY. HE IS ALSO A LEADER OF PROMOTING AN ORGANIZATION WHICH IS WORKING TO PRESERVE SPAIN'S HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL MONUMENTS. ALVAREZ HAS WRITTEN TWO BOOKS ON THE SUBJECT AND WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE U.S. LAW AND PRACTISE IN THIS FIELD. HIS WIFE IS A GRADUATE IN HISTORY AND WORKS IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PRADO MUSEUM.

SIGNIFICANT PAST POSITIONS: ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC ORIENTED PARTIDO POPULAR; PROF. OF CIVIL LAW AT U. OF MADRID (1967-72).

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: LAW ASSOCIATION OF MADRID; ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES OF MADRID.

PUBLICATIONS: HAS PUBLISHED BOOKS ON CIVIL AND MERCANTILE LAW AND ON THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL MONUMENTS.

TRAVELS ABROAD: HAS VISITED THE U.S. TWICE, ONE ON A CAMPING TRIP FROM DENVER TO WEST COAST (1972).

LANGUAGES: ALVAREZ' WIFE HAS AN EXCELLENT COMMAND OF ENGLISH; HE HAS A FAIR KNOWLEDGE.

3. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS:

ALVAREZ WOULD LIKE EXPOSURE TO THE U.S. POLITICAL SYSTEM WITH PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE LAID ON MECHANICS OF U.S. ELECTION CAMPAIGN, ESPECIALLY AT THE CONGRESSIONAL LEVEL. A SECOND INTEREST IS TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING MINORITIES (ESPECIALLY SPANISH-SQXAKING) AND TO OBSERVE PROGRAMS BEING CARRIED OUT TO HELP THEM. BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES TO PRESERVE SITES IMPORTANT TO THE COUNTRY'S HERITAGE. AND ITINERARY FOR ALVAREZ AND HIS WIFE COULD INCLUDE:

A) WASHINGTON, D.C.: APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN DEPT. OF STATE (EUR/WE); VISITS TO CONGRESS AND SUPREME COURT; A MEETING WITH MEMBER OF CONGRESS; APPOINTMENT WITH STAFF MEMBER AT ONE OF NATIONAL CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS; MEETING WITH DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN STUDIES PROGRAM AT SAIS OF HONS HOPKINS

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UNIVERSITY OR GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY; APPOINTMENTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMON CAUSE AND NADER'S GROUP, AND VISIT TO ADJACENT COUNTRY SCHOOL SYSTEM (TO OBSERVE SPANISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM); SEE IMPORTANT HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SITES AND MEET WITH OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MONUMENTS. B) NEW YORK CITY: UNITED NATIONS; CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS;

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL; MEETING WITH CITIZENS OF PUERTO RICAN BACKGROUND; CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SITES; ATTEND CONCERT OR MUSICAL COMEDY. C) BOSTON: HARVARD LAW SCHOOL; CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS FOR MUNICIPAL GOVT. CANDIDATE; MEETING WITH ORGANIZATIONS ON PRESERVATION HISTORICAL SITES; PRINCIPAL HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CENTERS; D) WILLIAMSBURG; E) ATLANTA: ELECTION CAMPAIGN OBSERVE MUNICIPAL GOVT. ADMINISTRATION; HOME HOSPITALITY; F) MIAMI: MEET WITH CITIZENS OF LATIN AMERICAN BACKGROUND.

4. ALTHOUGH ALVAREZ AND HIS WIFE SPEAK ENGLISH, AN ESCORT-INTERPRETER WILL BE NECESSARY.

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